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1. Vietnam Vice President, Pham Van Giao, is waiting for the opportune moment to resign from the Tam Government. He is now seeking promises of support from political leaders for a new government which he would head. On 21 October in Saigon Giao asked Nguyen Huu Tri, Dai Viet leader, for support.<sup>1</sup> Tri's answer is not known. From the present cabinet Giao expects support from Hoang Nam Hung, Minister for Pacification and Defection and Tran Van Que, Secretary of State for Studies and Reforms.
2. Only two cabinet members of the present government are giving full and active support to Tam: Nguyen Thanh Giung, Minister of Education and Cung Dinh Quy, Secretary of State for Agriculture. Other cabinet members are either doing nothing, pursuing their own interests, or actively opposing Tam.

Comment. Giau has been publicly praising Nguyen De, and probably De has been encouraging Giau in the latter's attempts to bring about the fall of the Tam Government through the resignation of some cabinet members. When the Tam Government was formed, De insisted that Hung, Khanh and Que be

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included in the cabinet. In this way De secured control over these men and he can give them the signal to resign at the proper time. However, it is not certain whether Giao and De have agreed on their respective roles in the proposed government or whether both are aiming at the premiership.

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